

All communications and letters relating to business, should be addressed to THE ENTERPRISE.

MANY of the largest tax-payers and most substantial citizens of Pinal county express their unqualified approval of the suggestion of Mr. Samuel Hughes, of Tucson, as expressed in his communication to THE ENTERPRISE, to disregard all party lines in the selection of local officials, and, if necessary, to form a tax-payers' ticket for support at the polls. This action is not only a reflection upon their party fealty, but it is a measure of self-protection. They bear the burdens of the public expenses and very naturally take a deep interest in the expenditure of the funds the law exacts from them. Party support brings no relief and they have grown weary of placing any faith in election promises of candidates that are forgotten almost as soon as the polls are closed. Pinal county has probably suffered less from incompetent officials than any other portion of the Territory, but if the principle suggested by Mr. Hughes is generally adopted it is very likely that encouragement will be given the movement by its tax-payers.

THERE is a disposition shown by western congressmen to deal liberally with capitalists who will build storage reservoirs and irrigating canals in the arid region, in the way of acquiring title to the lands they will reclaim. With proper restrictions such a plan may facilitate the reclamation of vast tracts of now barren land that will otherwise remain for many years in their present worthless condition. Under the desert land law nearly all the developments in southern Arizona have been accomplished and there is no necessity for its repeal. There is very little inducement for attempts to evade its provisions, for it is applicable only to lands that possess no value until water is developed for its cultivation. If this law is to be changed at all it would greatly facilitate the settlement of this country to permit the settler to deed one-half his land to the company that supplies the water in lieu of a cash payment for a water right.

It is the opinion of Mr. Ham Light, a conservative and disinterested observer, who has been required during the trial of the Wham robbers, that the testimony was very conflicting and uncertain, and much of it was worthy of no credence whatever. He says public sentiment in Tucson is very much divided upon the question of the guilt of the accused, and that many persons have thoughtlessly permitted themselves to be misled by the sensational statements of the local press.

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It has required only the revolutionary methods adopted by our reckless and irrational executive to convince those most strenuously opposed to the admission of Arizona to statehood that our only safety lies in the speedy assumption of that condition. We are drifting from bad to worse, with little hope of even a feeble effort being made to pacify the popular clamor for a settlement of the present difficulties that overshadow every interest of the people. The courts could determine the questions within a week, but the governor is evidently afraid to trust his bad cause to their impartial judgment and seeks justification through partisan prejudice in Congress. This course is not only childish, but in its effects it is infamous and as a relief from the possibility of a repetition of such outrageous tactics in the future every citizen of the territory would welcome statehood even though it doubled the rate of taxation.

SENATOR REAGAN was well pleased with what he saw in Arizona, although but a small portion of its development came under his observation. If he was charmed with the Salt River valley he would have been delighted with the Gila valley where all is so new and yet so very attractive. His impressions are but the counter-part of those of every intelligent person who visits Arizona, for the evidence of one's senses is all that is necessary in believing that its future is one of the brightest promise.

THE special illustrated edition of the Daily Citizen of Tucson arrived last evening and it is worthy of all the praise that has been bestowed upon it. It is well printed, with clear type, upon heavy book paper, and is profusely illustrated with fine engravings. The matter descriptive of Pinal county and its interests is all well written and contains a great deal of very valuable information. The edition is a credit to the office of its publication and to the enterprise of its publishers.

THE Tombstone Prospector hits Arizona's wise and prudent governor with the following shapely club of sarcasm: "While the outs are remaining at home kicking and frothing at the mouth, Governor Wolfley is quietly working at Washington to straighten out the tangle in which affairs have been snarled in the territory. Those who put the Governor up for a fool are fast realizing their mistake."

SOME of the territorial newspapers have quoted from the Denver News an article relating to the Denver & Rio Grande railroad in the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas, and coupled it with the comment that it indicated the speedy building of a railroad through the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. Their error lies in confounding the two canyons.

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## TOMBSTONE.

### A HEAVY BURDEN OF TAXATION FOR THE PEOPLE TO BEAR.

Property Assessed Above its Value and Taxed at Exorbitant Rates—Efforts to Suppress the Facts.

TOMBSTONE, ARIZ., Dec. 31st, 1889. ED. ENTERPRISE.—There is very little that is new here. The District Court and a grand jury are in session. The criminal calendar is unusually large. Both court and grand jury are getting along in business pretty finely. Judge Sloan is undoubtedly a pleasant gentleman, apparently fair and impartial on the bench, and is said by the lawyers to be a good lawyer, but whether he is a good judge or not will need time to determine. I have given some attention to the letters of Mr. Bruce, in the Tucson Star, as well as to those of Mr. Hughes, and Fryng-Pan. The truth or falsity of Fryng-Pan's criticisms of December 28th, we, of course, know little, and therefore have little to say. But the letters of Messrs. Bruce and Hughes furnish a treble echo from every tax-payer in Tombstone. The formation of Cochise County, to quote the Star in speaking of Graham County, was the result of a scheme of political corruption. The new county was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity and has been true to its parentage. I sympathize sincerely with Mr. Bruce in his desire to see the tax-payers of Cochise county to the performance of their duty, and I truly believe, that he has not over-stated the case. But let me ask, has Mr. Bruce told all that is to be said on this subject? Is he so sure that there would have been if he lived and owned property in Tombstone? Let us see, Mr. Bruce, if his cattle and other property be in this county, he pays \$3.00 per head, and \$3.50 per head, and collector's fee—8 cts. on his property at a valuation of \$5.00 per head for cattle, in general, will sell at from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per head as the season, to combine with the wily grant owners in a brazen effort to rob the people of this territory of their heritage.

I shall turn the full blade of light upon this business in a future letter, so that the people of Arizona may know who are the friends of good government. The manipulations of these conspirators, their names and purposes, will be taken in the next issue of this paper. The evil consequences of this abominable conspiracy will have upon the future of Arizona.

The scurrilous attack upon the Hon. R. C. Reagan, by the Denver News, is worthy of the individual who wrote it, however low he may be in the scale of humanity, and if, as Mr. Reagan has said, he is a rotter, let the public opinion of this territory be the same, then, its author is unfit to be named in the same breath with honorable gentlemen, and he is an everlasting disgrace to the dignified profession which he has chosen to follow. Harry R. Jeffords is every inch the peer of any lawyer in Arizona territory, and his abilities have won for him an enviable reputation. He is the acknowledged leader of the bar in his own county, and his traducer could well afford to abandon the lucrative trade he is now following, and go down to the same level as Harry R. Jeffords does, the legitimate practice of the law.

The same can be said of William Herring in Cochise county that have said of Harry Jeffords. The only fault to be found with Mr. Herring is that he is not a lawyer, but a politician. He is a man of high character, and his services to the community are many. He is a man of high character, and his services to the community are many. He is a man of high character, and his services to the community are many.

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## FROM TUCSON.

### THE NEWS FROM THE LOCAL PRESS OF PHOENIX.

(Gazette.)

Judging from present indications there will be a large acreage of grapes planted the coming year. The Phoenix Gazette has made happy yesterday by the arrival of a new boy at his home. Dr. Hughes informs us that it looks just like Jim, and is a rugged, healthy lad.

Married Saturday at 10 A. M. Mr. R. D. F. Howe, Mr. James R. Harrison of Fort Clark, Texas, to Miss Lillie Lightner of Phoenix, Arizona. They left for their Texas home to-day.

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## MARICOPA COUNTY.

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